



UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
SECTOR NEW ORLEANS
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U.S. COAST GUARD INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Subject:

Interview of: Mr. James Jackson

Date/Time: 15March20 0430

Phone: [REDACTED]

MMLD: Ref [REDACTED]

Interviewed by: [REDACTED]

Others Present: DMI, DMI Sup.

Interviewer Summary:

Mr. James JACKSON, master with 12 years of experience running this route on watch at 0100, the time of the incident.

Mr. JACKSON was headed southbound with no traffic, clear weather, not on his cellphone or under an influence of any medication at the time of the incident. He was flanking around 26 mile point. After coming around the point, he tried to steady up to go through the center span of the bridge making way about 10 kts. The 29 barge tow was built out 5 long and 6 wide with a notch on the port head. The river was approximately 16 ft high and the current pushed the tow into the bridge hitting the port center span. All 29 barges scattered, one sunk and one was missing (which was later recovered).

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